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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

20 Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action, which was mailed to Applicant on 05 October 2005, for the above-identified patent application. Applicant Requests Continued Examination (RCE) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114, and authorizes payment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.17(e) of \$790, to be charged to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.

Applicant has also entered three new independent Claims. The Application as originally filed included 31 total claims, with 4 independent Claims. The 30 Application as previously presented included 30 total claims, with 6 independent claims. The Application as currently prosecuted includes 33 total claims, with 9 independent claims. Applicant therefore authorizes payment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.16(h) of \$600 for 3 independent claims, and payment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.16(i) of \$100 for 2 total claims, to be charged to the Glenn Patent 35 Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.